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RESSERSCHATT ASSENSIV FLANT, WEINGUT II, (ANDSBERG (Terget No. 0 25/411)

TARGET: Messersohmitt Assembly Plant.

LOCATION: "eingutt II, Landsberg.

INVESTIGATED BY: Lt. R. E. Brikson, USIG, and Lt. T. S. Brown, USNR.

- 1. Investigation was made of an alleged bombproof Masserschmitt assembly plant located approximately four millometers northwest of Landsberg, and designated as Weingutt II. The structure was under construction and estimated by the writer to be 30 per cent complete.
- 2. Interrogation of Herman Moll, Contractor, and Karl Stroh, superintendent, revealed the following:
- (a) The project consisted of two contracts, one for the construction of the bombproof outer shell including all evacuation and the other consisting of interior structure. The outer shell in the form of an arch was designed to house a four story assembly plant complete with a powerhouse, ventilating system and a railroad siding and loading platform. Completed planes were to be catapulted from the building and land at some existing airport so no airfield need be constructed in the vicinity.
- (b) The shell or roof is 333 Meters (1.092 ft.) long, with the cross section on the arch section 5 meters (16' 5") thick, 25.7 meters (84 ft.) clear height, and 84.4 meters (287 ft.) wide at the first floor level. The end walls were estimated to be 5 meters thick. Approximately half of the structure is below natural grade.
- (c) The method of construction was rather unique in that a gravel fill in the form of the arched roof eliminated the use of timber forms. The fill was formed to a true arch, then 3 meters of the total 5 meters of concrete was poured and when proper ouring had taken place, the inside was dug out. Interior construction was then immediately begun. The gravel excavated from the interior was used in subsequent concrete operations.
- (d) The interior structure was to be four stories at 4.4 motor each and designed for a floor loading of 1,000 kg per square meter. Precast beams were used with slabs and columns poured in place.
- (e) All concrete ras deposited by the Pumporete method. Twelve German Pumporete machines fed by 6 1,500 liter paving mixers had been in use. The maximum pour for one 24 hour day had been 2,400 cubic meters with an overall average of 1,450 cubic meters per day.
- (f) Work started on 9 May 1944 and ras to be completed in six: months, but due to scencity of cement, cil, and lumber, the arch construction was only 60 per cent complete. Pelivery of cement was entirely out out 15 January, 1945, but operations had continued using cement on hand which cupply was at this date almost exhausted.

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- (g) The labor personnel consisted of CCC SOO Germans, 300 Russian free or volunteer, called Eastern Forces, and 1.500 political prisoners mostly Jews from an adjacent concentration camp.
- (h) Two other similar structures were contemplated in the vicinity and execuation had just started for the second one.
- 3. Though only a few hundred feet had been execuated longitudinally within the shell, interior construction was under way. Mechine tools and component parts of planes were already on the premises.
- 4. No complete plans were available but should a detailed study be made of Weingutt II, it is possible that some plans could be found in the basement of the bombed offices of the Leonard Moll construction firm located at 129 Ländwurm Strasse. Munich.

17 May 1945

Lt. R. E. Erikson, USNR Lt. T. S. Brown USNR (Unannounced Document)

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1. Number: ATI 96444

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